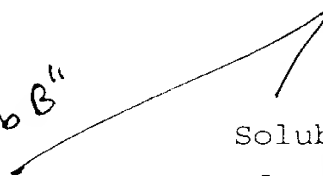


ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Sub B"  Soluble polyamic acid salt (PAAS) precursors comprised of tertiary and quaternary amines, ammonium cations, sulfonium cations, or phosphonium cations, are prepared and fabricated into membranes that are subsequently imidized and converted into rigid-rod polyimide articles, such as membranes with desirable gas separation properties. Method of enhancing solubility of PAAS polymers in alcohols is disclosed.